

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 217

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. There were approximately 20 people in attendance. All members of the Commission were present at the meeting with the exception of Sandy Fry.

1. Scott reported that the Ride of Silence will be held on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 PM. The ride will start at the Town Hall parking lot. David agreed to assist with the route. He will design a flat 10 to 12 mile route.
2. Scott discussed the Celebrate West Hartford event, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11. Tracy and Ethan said that they would take care of the bike corral and Daniel stated said that he would take care of the booth. The booth will be located upstairs from the corral.
3. Ethan, Ed and Daniel gave an update on the Center Streets event. They are still looking for signature sponsors.
4. Scott reported that the Bike to School Day is Wednesday, May 10. Ed agreed to work with one or two elementary schools to coordinate the event. He will need commission members to help staff the event.
4. Jim agreed to organize the Bike to Work Day event, which is scheduled for Friday morning May 19. The ride will start in front of REI. More details will be provided after the April commission meeting.
5. Scott asked for volunteers to run the Wheels on Wednesdays event this summer. Virginia and Dave agreed to co-organize the event. They may decide to do them as "meet up" events instead of the way they were done in the past.
6. Tracy gave a report on the Regional Bike Planning Initiative Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30 PM in room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall. She is expecting representatives from several towns. All members of the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission and Bike West Hartford are invited to attend.
7. Scott gave an update on local recreational bike routes. There are now three routes of 7 miles or less. They are designed so that cyclists can start the rides anywhere on the loop. There is ample parking on each loop. Scott will be meeting with Todd Dumais, the West Hartford Town Planner, to refine the routes and to discuss the signage.

8. Dan and Kevin gave an update on Cycling Without Age. They are looking for a way to get pilots to schedule specific time slots to take people for rides. Dan and Kevin will give a report of the April meeting regarding the changes.
9. Maryellen gave a report on pedestrian initiatives. She agreed to in charge of addressing pedestrian initiatives in the future.
10. Daniel gave a report on the future of the website and the Facebook page. It was proposed that Bike West Hartford.org keep the current website and that the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission use the webpage provided by the Town of West Hartford. Daniel will ask the Town if the webpage is modifiable by the The Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission.
11. Scott asked for a volunteer to coordinate attendance by Commission members at future Town Council, Town Planning and Zoning Committee and various Subcommittee meetings which are of interest to the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission. Jill has volunteered to chair that initiative..

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Scott Franklin, Chair
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission